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SUBJ: ECLA: 17TH SESSION: FINAL DAY AND WRAP-UP

1. SEVENTEENTH SESSION CONCLUDED WITH APPROVAL OF ALL RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENSUS, WITH ONE EXCEPTION. ALL FIVE DEVELOPED COUNTRY MEMBERS ABSTAINED ON CIEC RESOLUTION. U.S. ENTERED RESERVATIONS ON LA CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ILPES, AND NIEO, ETC., LANGUAGE IN THE RESOLUTION TRANSMITTING THE REGIONAL APPRAISAL UNDER THE IDS, AND A BLANKET RESERVATION ON FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

2. A VERY POSITIVE TONE WAS MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE SESSION. THE US DECISION TO ACCEPT THE CEGAN REPORT AS AN EXPRESSION OF LATIN/CARIBBEAN VIEWS WAS CLEARLY A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THIS GOOD ATMOSPHERE. AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S AND RAUL PREBISCH'S SPEECHES WERE THE HIGH POINTS OF THE SESSION. CLOSING STATEMENTS BY SESSION PRESIDENT, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IGLESIAS AND MOST PARTICULARLY BY COLOMBIAN DELEGATE

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(TORRES) MADE IT CLEAR THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S EMPHASIS ON THE NEED TO COMBINE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE HAD CAPTURED THE IMAGINATION OF THE DELEGATES. IN EXCELLENT CLOSING STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF HIS FELLOW DELEGATES, TORRES RECALLED AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S ASSOCIATION WITH DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND DR. KING'S DREAM AND OBSERVED THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAD BROUGHT THAT DREAM

TO THE 17TH SESSION AS AN INSPIRATION TO ALL WHO ATTENDED.

3. CONFERENCE OFFERED AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR CLARIFICATION OF DIFFERING VIEWS IN A NON-CONTENTIOUS ATMOSPHERE AND FOR THE US TO PRESENT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S APPROACH TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TO COOPERATION WITH LATIN AMERICA. THE DISCUSSION CENTERED MORE ON DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS, HOW TO MARRY ECONOMIC GROWTH WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE, THAN ON THE STANDARD ISSUES OF THE NIEO. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IGLESIAS HAS TAKEN THE SPEECHES OF SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, AND MOST PARTICULARLY AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S, AS INDICATORS OF A NEW MANDATE FOR ECLA TO PURSUE DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS, AND ACT AS A FORUM OF CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRY MEMBERS. HE FLOATED IDEA OF A SPECIAL PLENARY IN THE NEXT SIX TO NINE MONTHS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESTRUCTURING ECLA TO DEAL WITH THIS MANDATE AND WILL BE COMMUNICATING WITH MEMBER GOVERNMENTS IN THIS REGARD WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

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